

**DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

744 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



October 3, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-198

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - CHANGES IN DENOMINATIONS OF COUPONS AND VALUES  
OF COUPON BOOKS

REFERENCE:

Attached for your immediate information and planning is a table of changes in denominations of coupons and values of coupon books. The target date for implementation of these new denominations is March 1, 1975.

These changes will be made because of the increase and frequent changes in coupon allotments, increased participation, rising production and shipping costs, and the paper shortage.

As suggested in the notice, shipping points should plan their requisitions so that their coupon inventory on February 28, 1975, will be less than one month. Coupon requisitioning points submitting requisitions which would result in excess supplies as of March 1, 1975, may be contacted by FNS, Western Region, to arrange for reductions in amounts ordered.

Please disseminate this information to parties responsible for requisitioning coupons and to issuance agents.

If there are any questions, please contact Richard J. Havnen, Chief, Food Stamp Management Bureau, at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis O. Flatt".

DENNIS O. FLATT  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: FNS, USDA  
CWDA

ACTION BY: Regional Offices  
State Agencies

New Food Coupons and Coupon Books

For the past few years we have been using 50 cent, \$2, and \$5 coupons in \$2, \$3, \$10, and \$30 books. Because of the increase and frequent changes in coupon allotments, increased participation, rising production and shipping costs, and the paper shortage, we have explored the possibility of new coupons and coupon books.

Based on this study, we plan to make the following changes:

- 1 Eliminate the 50 cent and \$2 coupons and create a \$1 coupon. The \$1 coupons can then be used as change, and credit slips not to exceed 99 cents will be authorized.
- 2 Create a \$10 coupon.
- 3 Redesign the \$5 coupon to go with the new series.
- 4 Create new coupon books in the following denominations:
  - a \$ 2 book consisting of two \$ 1 coupons.
  - b \$ 7 book consisting of one \$ 5 coupon  
two \$ 1 coupons.
  - c \$40 book consisting of two \$10 coupons  
three \$ 5 coupons  
five \$ 1 coupons.
  - d \$50 book consisting of three \$10 coupons  
three \$ 5 coupons  
five \$ 1 coupons.
  - e \$65 book consisting of four \$10 coupons  
four \$ 5 coupons  
five \$ 1 coupons.

When the new coupon series are issued, all existing coupon books, including household size books being used on a pilot basis, shall be recalled. This will eliminate Federal and State accountability and inventory problems which could be created by the issuance of two different series at the same time.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Administrator

We will keep you informed of further developments as they occur.

Our target date for implementing these changes is March 1, 1975. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, we are requiring that you plan your redistributions so that your coupon inventory on February 28, 1975, will be less than 1 month, if possible. You may also want to do some other advance planning. For example, in computerized systems where coupon denominations are printed on authorization to purchase cards, necessary changes may be developed in advance. We anticipate that old coupons in circulation after February 28, 1975, will be accepted by retailers for several months, after which time they can be exchanged at a local issuance office for the new series of coupons.

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October 2, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO.- 197

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES FOR CHILD SUPPORT

REFERENCE: CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE § 4701

Legislation amending § 4701 of the California Civil Code, concerning assignments of wages for child support, has been signed by the Governor and will be effective on January 1, 1975.

These amendments to § 4701 provide that if court-ordered child support payments are in default by an amount equal to two months' payments, the court shall order assignment of wages to the person having custody, or to a designated county agency. For example, if a person ordered to pay \$100 a month fails to pay at all for two months, he will be subject to a wage assignment. If he has paid \$75 each month, however, he must be eight months behind before the assignment mechanism will be operable.

The assignment of wages will no longer be left to the discretion of the court. When the person who is to receive the support payments petitions the court, and the court makes a finding that there are arrearages equal to two months' payments, the assignment procedure is required. The assignment will be ordered to recover arrearages and to ensure future support payments.

Employers are prohibited from using such assignments as grounds for dismissal of an employee. The responsibility of the employer to obey the court order, and the assignment itself, terminate if the custodial parent cannot be located for three months.

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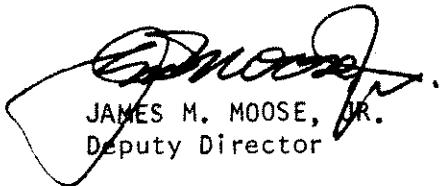
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In cases where the whereabouts of the non-supporting parent is not known, the District Attorney is directed to use the Central Registry located in the Department of Justice, and to transmit any information he may receive to the court. The county can charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$2.50, to offset the cost incurred by the District Attorney's Office.

A copy of the legislation is attached.

Sincerely,



JAMES M. MOOSE, JR.  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

change. If the employer or county officer is unable to deliver payments under the assignment for a period of three months due to the failure of the person to whom support has been ordered to be paid to notify the employer or county officer of a change of address, the employee or county officer shall not make any further payments under the assignment and shall return all undeliverable payments to the employee.

For purposes of this subdivision, arrearages in payment shall be computed on the basis of the payments owed and unpaid on the date that the defaulting parent has been given notice pursuant to law of the application for the order of assignment, and the fact that the defaulting parent may have subsequently paid such arrearages shall not relieve the court of its duty under this subdivision to order the assignment.

Upon a petition by the defaulting parent, the court shall terminate such order of assignment entered pursuant to this subdivision if (1) there has been 18 continuous and uninterrupted months of full payment under the wage assignment or (2) the employer or county officer has been unable to deliver payments under the assignment for a period of three months due to the failure of the person to whom support has been ordered to be paid to notify the employer or county officer of a change of address.

(c) No employer shall use any assignment authorized by this section as grounds for the dismissal of such employee.

(d) As used in this section "employer" includes any public entity as defined in Section 811.2 of the Government Code.

(e) On declaration or affidavit of the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid to the court that: (1) the parent ordered to make support payments is in default in such payment in the amount specified in subdivision (b), and (2) the whereabouts of such defaulting parent or the identity of his employer are unknown to the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid, the district attorney shall contact the central registry maintained by the Department of Justice in the manner prescribed in Section 11478.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and upon receiving the requested information, notify the court of the last known address of the absent parent and the name and address of the absent parent's last known employer. The court shall then order the parent obligated to make support payments to show cause why an order for assignment pursuant to subdivision (b) should not issue. The county may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for the services of the district attorney under this subdivision.

(f) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the district attorney to utilize any and all civil and criminal remedies to enforce child support obligations regardless of whether or not the custodial parent receives welfare moneys.

SEC. 1.5. Section 4701 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

4701. (a) In any proceeding where the court has ordered a

parent to pay any amount for the support, maintenance, or education of a minor child, the court may issue an earnings withholding order under Section 723.030 of the Code of Civil Procedure to require the employer of such parent to withhold and pay to the county clerk, probation officer, or other officer of the court or county officer designated by the court to receive such payment, that portion of the earnings of such parent as will be sufficient to pay the amount ordered by the court for the support, maintenance and education of the minor child. The employer shall cooperate with and provide relevant employment information to the district attorney for the purpose of enforcing the child support obligation.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), in any proceeding where the court has ordered either or both parents to pay any amount for the support of a minor child, upon both a petition by the person to whom support has been ordered to have been paid and a finding by the court that the parent so ordered is in arrears in payment in a sum equal to the amount of two months of such payments within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of such petition, the court shall order the defaulting parent to assign either to the person to whom support has been ordered to have been paid or to a county officer designated by the court to receive such payment, that portion of the salary or wages of the parent due or to be due in the future as will be sufficient to pay the amount ordered by the court for the support, maintenance, and education of the minor child. Such an order shall operate as an assignment and shall be binding upon any existing or future employer of the defaulting parent upon whom a copy of such order is served. The Judicial Council shall prescribe forms for such orders. The employer may deduct the sum of one dollar (\$1) for each payment made pursuant to the order. Any such assignment made pursuant to court order shall have priority as against any attachment, execution, or other assignment, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

The parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid shall notify the court and the employer of the parent ordered to pay support, by any form of mail requiring a return receipt, of any change of address within a reasonable period of time after any such change. In instances in which payments have been ordered to be made to a county officer designated by the court, the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid shall notify the court and such county officer, by any form of mail requiring a return receipt, of any address change within a reasonable period of time after any such change. If the employer or county officer is unable to deliver payments under the assignment for a period of three months due to the failure of the person to whom support has been ordered to be paid to notify the employer or county officer of a change of address, the employee or county officer shall not make any further payments under the assignment and shall return all undeliverable payments to

## Assembly Bill No. 1946

## CHAPTER 514

*An act to amend Sections 4701 and 4702 of the Civil Code, relating to child support.*

[Approved by Governor August 20, 1974. Filed with Secretary of State August 20, 1974.]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

## AB 1946, McAlister. Child support.

Provides that where court has ordered parent to pay any amount for support of minor child, and parent is in default in equal to two months' payments within 24-month period immediately preceding petition for assignment, upon finding of such default the court shall order such parent to assign either to the person having custody of the child or to county officer designated by court to receive payment, that portion of salary or wages of the parent due or to be due in the future as will be sufficient to pay the amount ordered by court. Designates procedure for employment of services of district attorney to locate absent parents in specified instances in connection with such assignments.

Provides for termination of such assignment if specified conditions are met.

## Makes provision for computation of arrearages.

Provides that no employer shall use designated assignments of wages with respect to child support payments as grounds for dismissal.

## Makes related changes.

Provides that employer who is subject to specified assignment of wages to child support shall cooperate with and provide relevant employment information to the district attorney.

Appropriates \$54,000 to the Department of Justice for implementation of purposes of this act.

Incorporates changes made in Section 4701 of the Civil Code by AB 101 if this bill and AB 101 are both chaptered and this bill is chaptered last.

Provides that no reimbursement nor appropriation is made by act because self-financing authority is provided in act to meet local governmental costs.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 4701 of the Civil Code is amended to read: 4701. (a) In any proceeding where the court has ordered either or both parents to pay any amount for the support of a minor child,

the court may order either parent or both parents to assign to the county clerk, probation officer, or other officer of the court or county officer designated by the court to receive such payment, that portion of salary or wages of either parent due or to be due in the future as will be sufficient to pay the amount ordered by the court for the support, maintenance and education of the minor child. Such order shall operate as an assignment and shall be binding upon any existing or future employer of the defaulting parent upon whom a copy of such order is served. The Judicial Council shall prescribe forms for such orders. The employer may deduct the sum of one dollar (\$1) for each payment made pursuant to such order. Any such order may be modified or revoked at any time by the court. Any such assignment made pursuant to court order shall have priority as against any attachment, execution, or other assignment, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), in any proceeding where the court has ordered either or both parents to pay any amount for the support of a minor child, upon both a petition by the person to whom support has been ordered to have been paid and a finding by the court that the parent so ordered is in arrears in payment in a sum equal to the amount of two months of such payments within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of such petition, the court shall order the defaulting parent to assign either to the person to whom support has been ordered to have been paid or to a county officer designated by the court to receive such payment, that portion of the salary or wages of the parent due or to be due in the future as will be sufficient to pay the amount ordered by the court for the support, maintenance, and education of the minor child. Such an order shall operate as an assignment and shall be binding upon any existing or future employer of the defaulting parent upon whom a copy of such order is served. The Judicial Council shall prescribe forms for such orders. The employer may deduct the sum of one dollar (\$1) for each payment made pursuant to the order. Any such assignment made pursuant to court order shall have priority as against any attachment, execution, or other assignment, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

The parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid shall notify the court and the employer of the parent ordered to pay support, by any form of mail requiring a return receipt, of any change of address within a reasonable period of time after any such change. In instances in which payments have been ordered to be made to a county officer designated by the court, the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid shall notify the court and such county officer, by any form of mail requiring a return receipt, of any address change within a reasonable period of time after any such

the employee.

For purposes of this subdivision, arrearages in payment shall be computed on the basis of the payments owed and unpaid on the date that the defaulting parent has been given notice pursuant to law of the application for the order of assignment, and the fact that the defaulting parent may have subsequently paid such arrearages shall not relieve the court of its duty under this subdivision to order the assignment.

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(c) No employer shall use any assignment authorized by this section as grounds for the dismissal of such employee.

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(e) On declaration or affidavit of the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid to the court that: (1) the parent ordered to make support payments is in default in such payment in the amount specified in subdivision (b), and (2) the whereabouts of such defaulting parent or the identity of his employer are unknown to the parent to whom support has been ordered to be paid, the district attorney shall contact the central registry maintained by the Department of Justice in the manner prescribed in Section 11478.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and upon receiving the requested information, notify the court of the last known address of the absent parent and the name and address of the absent parent's last known employer. The court shall then order the parent obligated to make support payments to show cause why an order for assignment pursuant to subdivision (b) should not issue. The county may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for the services of the district attorney under this subdivision.

(f) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the district attorney to utilize any and all civil and criminal remedies to enforce child support obligations regardless of whether or not the custodial parent receives welfare moneys.

SEC. 2. Section 4702 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

4702. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4701, in any proceeding where a court makes or has made an order requiring payment of child support to a parent receiving welfare moneys for the maintenance of minor children, the court shall direct that payments of support be made to the county clerk, probation officer, or other officer of the court or county officer designated by the court for such purpose, and shall direct the district attorney to appear on

behalf of such welfare recipient in any proceeding to enforce such order.

(b) In any proceeding where a court makes or has made an order requiring payment of child support to the person having custody of any minor children of the marriage, the court may direct that payments thereof be made to the county clerk, probation officer, or other officer of the court or county officer designated by the court for such purpose, and may direct the district attorney to appear on behalf of such minor children in any action to enforce such order. The court shall include in its order any service charge imposed under the authority of Section 580.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) Expenses of the county clerk, probation officer, or other officer of the court or county officer designated by the court, and expenses of the district attorney incurred in the enforcement of any order of the type described in subdivision (a) or (b), shall be a charge upon the county where the proceedings are pending. Any fees for service of process in the enforcement of any such order shall be a charge upon the county where the process is served.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 2231 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, there shall be no reimbursement pursuant to this

section nor shall there be an appropriation made by this act because self-financing authority is provided in this act to fund such costs.

SEC. 4. The sum of fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Justice

for implementation of the purposes of this act.

SEC. 5. It is the intent of the Legislature, if this bill and Assembly Bill No. 101 are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 1975, both bills amend Section 4701 of the Civil Code, and this bill is chaptered after Assembly Bill No. 101, that the amendments to Section 4701 proposed by both bills be given effect and incorporated in Section 4701 in the form set forth in Section 1.5 of this act. Therefore, Section 1.5 of this act shall become operative only if this bill and Assembly Bill No. 101 are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 1975, both amend Section 4701, and this bill is chaptered after Assembly Bill No. 101, and in such case Section 1.5 of this act shall become operative on the operative date of Assembly Bill No. 101, and Section 1 of this act shall be operative only until the operative date of Assembly Bill No. 101.

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